


Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy shown to its representative during the telephonic interviews of March 14, 2002.

The Advisory Action dated December 17, 2001 stated that the previous amendments to Claim 45 did not overcome the Examiner's concerns, and the amendments were not entered. Applicant has canceled Claims 45-47 in this Supplemental Response. Accordingly, Applicant has removed the rejected claims from prosecution, and submits, in accordance with the agreement reached during the Interviews of March 14, 2002, that the application is now in a condition for allowance.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 100564-09016 along with any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper.

Respectfully submitted,


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